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SUBJECT: REACTION TO PREMIER BENNETT'S TORONTO SPEECH

REF: TORONTO 2161

1. VANCOUVER PROVINCE EDITORIAL OF DECEMBER 1 EXPRESSES CONSIDERABLE "DISAPPOINTMENT" IN PREMIER BENNETT'S NOVEMBER 29 TORONTO SPEECH IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED THAT A GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME (TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH A NEGATIVE INCOME TAX) WOULD KEEP QUEBECKERS IN THE CONFEDERATION. EDITORIAL STATES THAT PREMIER'S PROPOSAL IS "SIMPLISTIC" AND "DANGEROUSLY FLIPPANT" IN ITS ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE PQ WIN TO MERE ECONOMICS.

2. PROVINCE EDITORIAL CONTINUES THAT IF ONLY A GUARANTEED INCOME WERE REQUIRED TO KEEP QUEBEC IN CONFEDERATION, THEN CANADIANS WOULD "PAY THE PRICE, FORGET ABOUT SEPARATISM AND GET ON WITH SOLVING THE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT BESET THE COUNTRY". HOWEVER, THE PROVINCE STATES, THE REAL QUESTION IN QUEBEC HAS TO DO WITH A SEARCH FOR IDENTITY AND "THEY WON'T FIND IT UNDER A PILE OF GREENBACKS. QUEBEC ASPIRATIONS DESERVE MORE UNDERSTANDING THAN PREMIER BENNETT REVEALED IN HIS TORONTO SPEECH".

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